

"Man is not a bird — the weak-
est thing in nature — but he
is a good that thinks."
— Blaise Pascal

The Northfield Press

"Truth, justice, and the welfare
of man depend on individuals
with the courage and oppor-
tunity to express their opinions."
— Lincoln

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A LETTER FROM CAMIERS

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Mr. Unto HANTUNEN
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NORTHFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS
(U. S. A.)

Sir,
I hasten to write you of the gratitude which my
commune and I feel at the announcement of the
adoption of our town by your town.

We are forming a committee at once so that they
may correspond with you and take charge of any
question which you may ask us.

The announcement your adopting us was re-
ceived with joy and gratitude by our population.

As soon as the committee meets I shall take
pleasure in writing you and in giving you the ac-
count of our meeting and I shall then furnish you
with all the information you have requested.

Thank you again for your generosity and I beg
you to believe, Sir, in my deepest respects.

The Mayor,
PAUL VAN COMPENOL

SUPT. TAYLOR RESIGNS SUDDENLY TAKES POST IN NORTH ADAMS

The 15 members of School Union
22 will meet at the Center School

Bernice Webster Exhibits Paintings At Albany Show

Miss Bernice M. Webster of Cro-
ton Falls, N. Y., daughter of Mrs.
Charles Webster of Northfield, is
holding a one-man show at the
Albany Institute of History and Art.
The display of 17 oils consists
primarily of American landscapes
with a sunny, pastoral air. One
painting, "Ghostly Willow," recipient
of many prizes, stands out for
its dramatic effect of brooding
storm and twisted branches.

Miss Webster was fortunate in
having a large rotunda room for
her exhibition, while special fea-
tures at the Institute have brought
many spectators to the showing.
In order to get to many of the
other showings it is necessary to
pass through Miss Webster's exhibi-
tion.

During July and August a collec-
tion of 18 oils by Miss Webster, a
professional member of the Nation-
al Arts Club, New York City, and
the Springfield Art League, were on
exhibit at the Bedford Playhouse
Gallery and received favorable
comment from the press.

Those who attended the Albany
show from Northfield were: Mrs.
L. Percy Goodspeed, Mrs. Charles
Neal, Mrs. N. D. Alexander, and
Mrs. John McNeil.

Just One More Chance Registration, Oct. 1

With each succeeding registra-
tion of new voters Northfield's list
of voters continues to grow. The
last registration period saw 16 new
names added to the list, which
brings the total registered in town
to 1130.

The board of registrars will sit
again on October 1st, at the town
hall, from noon until 10 p. m.

With the presidential elections
coming up this fall, and with the
state ballot crowded with impor-
tant items, it is most urgent that
all eligible take advantage of this
last registration period and get
their names on the official list.

Are you a high school graduate,
19 to 28 years old? If qualified,
you can enlist in the Army for
Officer Candidate School training,
leading to a commission.

In Northfield on Friday night, Oct.
1, to consider the next move follow-
ing the resignation of Robert N.
Taylor.

Robert N. Taylor, superintendent
of school union 22, including the
towns of Northfield, Bernardston,
Gill, Warwick, and Leyden, today
submitted his resignation to the
chairman of the joint committee,
Ralph Holbrook of Warwick, to
accept the position of superinten-
dent of the North Adams Schools.

Supt. Taylor, who came here in
Sept., 1941 from North Easton,
where he was sub-master of the
high school, organized the consoli-
dation of the Northfield system. He
also introduced a federal lunch
program.

In Bernardston and Leyden he
has advocated consolidation and
this has reached the planning stage.
At Powers Institute, Bernardston,
he developed the six year school
plan from the previous four so that
there now are 100 attending school
there.

Supt. Taylor has been an active
member of the State aid committee
of the State Teacher's Federation
and is president of Franklin Coun-
ty Superintendents' association. He
also is a member of the resolutions
committee of the American associa-
tion of school administrators. He
is a doctorate candidate at Harvard
University. In addition he is a
member of the local Reading club,
the church Brotherhood, and the
Masons of North Easton.

Mrs. Taylor, a former member of
the teaching staff, music depart-
ment, of the Northfield School for
Girls, is vice-president of the Fort-
nightly club.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two
daughters, Barbara Jean Derrig, of
Brattleboro, Vt., and Betty Ann,
freshman at Syracuse University.

Supt. Taylor went to North
Adams today in search of a place
to live. He said he expects to take
over his new duties, October 1.

There were 19 applicants for the
North Adams post.

Dr. Wilson at Sage

Dr. Mira B. Wilson, principal of
the Northfield School for Girls, will
be the speaker Sunday morning,
September 26, in Russell Sage
Chapel at 11 o'clock and Dr. Henry
Sloan Coffin, president emeritus of
the Union Theological Seminary in
New York, will be the speaker at
the morning service in Memorial
Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

CAMIERS HEARS JOYOUS NEWS OF THEIR ADOPTION MAYOR OF THE TOWN CALLS COMMITTEE MEETING

One Lone Letter

It takes but little imagination to
picture what reactions must have
passed through the minds of the
Mayor of Camiers, and his people
when they received word that they
had been 'adopted.'

We are safe in assuming that the
mere fact that they knew someone,
somewhere, was ready to help them
must have meant a great deal. One
lone letter — from the United
States — not a ton of flour, not a
truck load of shoes, just ONE let-
ter, gave them a resurgent hope
that they might live again. Multiply
that letter, that town, by ten — a
hundred — a thousand. Your an-
swer would not add up to figures —
it would add up hope for the future.

Think too, a committee of
Frenchmen sitting around a table
at their Town Hall, some three
thousand miles from our own town
hall on Main street. They take
up the subject of the adoption —
they have before them a letter
from Northfield. In their tongue
Northfield might not sound as we
would say it, but who can deny that
they do not say it with a tone of
gratitude that will span an ocean.
Imagine, if you will, heads, crown-
ed with the ever present berets,
grouped close together talking of
their village and their people. Talk-
ing of their wants, their needs,
their very lives, and always with
the feeling that somewhere another
little town is waiting to hear from
them — another little town that is
prepared to offer them the helping
hand of hope.

Piece together with your imagi-
nation what the people of the town
are thinking tonight. Imagine the
conversations of the people on the
street — in the home around the
supper table — out in the fields —
or along the wind-swept beach.

Wander a little more. What if
you were to walk into the school
rooms? Picture the face of a five
year old — or a fifteen year old.
There, in their faces, you would see
the meaning of all this work.

Perhaps the people will begin to
learn to say N O R T H F I E L D
and then they will learn to say
H O P E.

The Story of a Town Twice Torn by War

Camiers is a village located on
the North bank of the little river,
La Canche, and is 20 kilometres
south of Boulogne-sur-mer. The
community is at the foot of the
Boulogne hills and is surrounded
by fine sand, planted with typical
seaside pines. Somewhat reminis-
cent of our own Cape Cod area. A
pond, large enough to be called a
lake by the villagers, lends itself
magnificently to the landscape and
has come to be greatly admired
by tourists. It is a very old town,
with its name being found in docu-
ments dating back to the 12th cen-
tury. Its population until the
twentieth century, consisted almost
entirely of fishermen and small
truck-farmers, a poor but hard
working people. Since the turn of
the century Camiers, now a stop
on the Paris-Calais railroad, has
developed considerably.

Shortly before the war of 1913-18
a cement factory was built, pros-
perity beckoned, but hope was
shortlived, for the war broke out —
taking almost all the men from the
village. For the four years of war,
English, Australian and Canadian
troops, by the thousands, followed
one another through the village,
with the Americans arriving in
1918 and being acclaimed by the
whole population of the seaside vil-
lage. During a bombing in 1918
an American medical officer was
killed in Camiers — one of the
first to be killed on French soil.

With the Armistice of 1918 a new
era of prosperity opened up for
the little village. Victory had cost
Camiers 40 of its inhabitants. A
new cement factory was added to
the one built before the war — and
this industry was to be the main-
stay of the town and its people.
The little beach of Ste. Cecile, ad-
joining Camiers, also prospered —
but then came the economic col-
lapse of 1930. Unemployment re-
sulted. However the establishment
of a sanatorium kept the town from
complete collapse. The climate
has always been favorable for sick
people.

Then came 1939. War again!!
As in 1914 the English once again
established themselves in the vil-
lage. Soon the stillness of the
"phony war" was broken with the
invasion by German troops plung-
ing the little village into blood and
destruction. On the 21 of May, 1940
a German air raid caused 40 casu-
alties. The center of the village
particularly the bakery, was hard
hit. Two days later German hordes
swept into the village, and they
were not to leave for four long
dark years.

First came the massing of troops
for the proposed invasion of Eng-
land, then following the failure of
this plan came the preparation
against the Allied invasion. The
long sandy beach of Camiers seemed
an ideal place for an invasion. Dur-
ing the early days of 1944, the Ger-
mans having installed many defen-
ces and gun emplacements the bom-
bardments became intense and ter-
rifying. By February one quarter
of the town was completely demol-
ished and six people were killed
when the Sanatorium was bombed.
On the eve of the invasion of the
Normandy coast a raid of unpre-
cedented size showered the village
with giant bombs — not a house
was spared. Many residents were
evacuated in these difficult times.
On June 4, Monsieur Masson,
Mayor of Camiers for 40 years,
died — a victim of his own devotion

Village Of Camiers Forms a Committee

The PRESS has just received a
letter from the Mayor, Paul Van
Compennol, of the town of Camiers.
The letter is reprinted on this
page and tells its own story.

The foundation of a local com-
mittee there should expedite our
work on this end, and with the
number of people already actively
engaged in the work or having
pledged to adopt a family or child
the cooperation should be effective.

Several town organizations have
already come forward with their
offers of help, but many more are
needed to make it a community
wide project.

As has been noted many times
the PRESS has a complete list of
every school child in Camiers, and
many families have already taken
one or more of the children for
adoption. As soon as a complete
list can be made up it will be pub-
lished in the PRESS.

As this town adoption, under the
Medway plan, develops, more and
more cities and towns will turn to
see what is being done in North-
field — for it is relatively a new
thing, the adoption of a town. The
PRESS is at present preparing ma-
terial that will appear in a national
publication telling about the adop-
tion of Camiers. This, in itself,
presents an opportunity for all of
us to take the lead in a program,
or plan, that will not only benefit
Camiers and Northfield, but may
well benefit the entire nation —
and the world.

It may well be that towns and
cities surrounding Northfield may
take up the task of caring for an
adopted town or village. Bernard-
ston has done it — others may
follow.

We stress again the importance
of letters. The writing of letters
to Camiers is of equal importance
to sending food and clothing. For
it along with your packages of food
and clothing go letters — letters
of freedom — then great good will
be done.

to his labors and the disturbances
of the bombings. The residents of
Camiers paid homage to the re-
markable conduct of M. Masson,
who stayed at his desk in the town
hall during the tragic months of
occupation. Following the death of
M. Masson, M. La Chaussee became
the Mayor and through his stead-
fastness the complete evacuation
of the community was avoided.

Then on September 5, 1945! At
Noon! The villagers watched the
German Army leave in defeat. Over
the hills appeared the Canadian
troops. After four long years.
Freedom! They were delirious with
joy. For them it meant peace —
the joy of liberty regained.

The railroad station was entirely
destroyed, the sanatorium and
church severely damaged, as well
as the schools and Post Office.
Many of the pines that lent shade
and green to the surroundings were
cut down by the Germans for
coastal defenses.

But Camiers did not let itself
become discouraged by this after-
math of war — the very day follow-
ing liberation, each one set him-
self to work as well as he could,
repairing and rebuilding, making
places to live, filling in bomb crat-
ers, etc.

Their fondest hope is to once
again see prosperity in their com-
munity. For this they strive! In
this we can help!

Calendar of Events

- September 26,
Auction at 1 p. m. Rawson place,
just off Northfield-Millers Falls
road.
- September 26,
Northfield Fish and Game Asso-
ciation outing at Dick Field's
place, 1 to 5 p. m.
- September 27,
Conn. Valley Pomona Grange
Meeting in Bernardston, Supper
6:30 business meeting, 8 p. m.
- September 28,
Annual Legion meeting, election
of officers. Chase House, N.
Bernardston, 6:15.
- Orange Meeting, Grange Hall,
Business meeting 7 p. m. Public
invited at 8 p. m.
- September 29,
V. F. W. Meeting, Grange Hall,
8:30 p. m.
- September 30,
4-H Club meeting. At the home
of Mrs. Edward Benney, 7 p. m.
- Oct. 1, Fortnightly Meets - 3 p. m.
- October 2,
"Open House" at the Phelps Art
Studio, Gill, 3 to 9.
- October 6,

"Health" To Head PTA Program, Oct 6

"Health" will be the leading sub-
ject on the program of the P. T. A.
meeting on October 6 at Alexander
Hall, when Dr. F. Wilton Dean will
speak on his work as School Physi-
cian. Miss Barbara Mankowski,
town public nurse, will tell of her
work, while Miss Mary E. Lewis,
of Amherst, head of all public
health nursing in Franklin County,
will describe her function.

Unitarian Church Food Sale, Sept. 30

There will be a food and white
elephant sale on the lawn of the
Unitarian Church at 2:30, Septem-
ber 30. Aprons of many kinds will
also be on sale.

Anyone with any "white ele-
phants" around the house may con-
tact Mrs. Joseph Field or Mrs.
Frank Williams.

P. T. A. meeting, Alexander Hall,
October 7,
Northfield Forum, Town Hall,
8 p. m.

Woman's Service Club meeting
at the home of Mrs. Mott P.
Guhse, 8 p. m.

THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Urges you to register at the Town Hall on Friday,
October 1st from 12 noon to 10 o'clock in the evening.
You are eligible if you have resided in the State for
one year and in the Town for six months. This is
the last opportunity to register if you want to vote
in the election for National, State and County officials
November 2nd.

For further information or for your transporta-
tion consult any member of the Committee.

George McEwan, Chairman

Ernest A. Parker, Mrs. Carroll Miller, George W. Carr, William
F. Hoehn, Sidney Given, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, Fred I. Bolton,
Mrs. A. H. Wright, Murray Hammond, Robert P. Barnes,
Melvyn Morgan.

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We wish to thank our many
friends for their flowers, cards,
gifts and other kind remem-
brances during Mr. Colton's
illness.

Mr. and Mrs.
JOSEPH COLTON

CARD OF THANKS

To those voters throughout
Franklin County who considered
me competent of continuing as a
county commissioner and support-
ed me at last week's primaries, I
extend my sincere thanks. I will
endeavor to merit the confidence
shown in me by business-like at-
tention to the duties involved.

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In The Churches

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, September 26,
9:55 a. m. Church School.
10:00 a. m., Young People's Forum.

10:00 a. m., Men's Bible Class.
Gaylord Douglass, teacher.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship, Rally Day. Sermon subject, "Unpacking Your Suitcase." Nursery for pre-school age children.
6:30 p. m., Young People's Society of Pilgrim Fellowship. Annual candlelight service. Installation of Officers and observance of Holy Communion.

NOTE:
Miss Annie Campbell, formerly the Home Missionary of our church will be our guest for the week end of October 3rd. Miss Campbell will speak at the morning service and again at 7 p. m. Miss Campbell recently returned from Europe.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.
Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday at 7:45 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Sunday, September 26,
11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor.
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor.
Sunday, September 26,
10:30 a. m. Miss Mary Johnson, retired art teacher from Brooklyn, N. Y., and now a special Sunday school worker will speak at this service giving a demonstration and visualized stories which will prove highly instructive and very inspiring.
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
7:30 p. m. Prayer and praise service.
Wednesday, September 29,
7:30 p. m., Mid-week prayer service at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Booster Night For Grange and Guests

The Grange will hold a meeting on September 28, Tuesday, at the Grange Hall, with the business portion beginning at 7 p. m., while the public may come in at 8 p. m. This is booster night at the Grange, with everyone from 14 up admitted, while children will be admitted with their parents. The program for the evening will attempt to show the guests what the Grange has done and will do as an organization.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean will show an assortment of colored motion pictures which he has taken on various trips throughout the country. There will be a meeting of the Conn. Valley Pomona Grange, in Grange Hall in Barnardston, on Monday, September 27. First table for the supper will be set for 6:30. Business meeting will begin at 8:00 p. m. It will be neighbors' night, with friends invited from Pioneer Valley, Hinsdale and Cheshire County Pomona.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

"- and the next look"

To the Editors:

In 1945, three short years ago, there were clusters of small French children by every garbage pail into which we scraped our leavings before washing our mess gear; there were truckloads of young French girls who were brought to work wearing tattered rayon or cotton dresses, with the thinnest of worn-out sweaters as outdoor wraps (While we froze in four or five layers of the Army's best woolen garments); there was nothing but bare, red, raw legs with misshapen feet stuck any which way into odd bits of wood, felt, rags, fur and rare scraps of leather which were pieced together into things called shoes; there were smiling babies who got the best of everything - and teenagers we always mistook for under-sized eight year-olds; there were fifteen foot counters in the leading department stores with perhaps four objects displayed as the total stock on hand; there were minute scraps of soap which almost automatically meant an American had parted with his ration; there were all these things and more and worse.

Being among the fortunate ones who could profit by seeing such things personally, it almost seems like an obligation to try and translate the French suffering into terms of life at home. Imagine our third grade pupils at loose ends without organized school, and each pupil trying to out-race the others to the Hotel garbage pails after every meal. Or a housewife walking down to buy her groceries next January, wearing the 1939 crepe she saved for church until it became her only dress. Or try scuffling around in your oldest slippers all day, every day, indoors and out. Or visualize each teenager you know as being at least 12 inches shorter. Or make up your shopping list and realize the "necessities" you would do without if the Book-store had all its stock on one counter and Avery's assortment of items were cut about 85%. Or just do this week's wash in cold water - period.

Three unsettled years, often frantic years have not cured much. One good look at our garbage pails, our clothes closets, our school children, our superabundance of physical everyday belongings and the next look in my opinion, is toward Calcutta.

"A Resident"

4-H Work to Begin Meeting and Movies

4-H work will be resumed in Northfield this year, with Mrs. Helen Benney and Miss Hazel Schooley in charge.

They have called their first meeting for Thursday, September 30, at 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Benney. It is anticipated that a large number of 4-H enthusiasts will attend, and the new leaders have urged that all who have an interest in this work come to the first meeting of the new season.

Movies will be shown during the evening, with refreshments also being served.

Phelps Art Studio To Hold Open House

There will be an "Informal Open House" at the Phelps Art Studio in G.H.I., October 2, from 3 to 9 p. m. In addition to the paintings of John Edward Phelps there will be a showing of work done by the summer students. Friends, and all those interested in art are cordially invited. (For instructions to reach the Studio, call 429.)

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
NUMBER THIRTY-TWO IN THE SERIES
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

Between the last French and Indian war and the Revolution, Northfield decided upon erecting a new church and a new school house. The problem and manner of solution of building a church or meeting house was typical of the times. So heated was the question as to where to locate the edifice that an out of town, disinterested committee was secured to decide and even then the town changed their decision by actually placing it near the former one, which was in the street, but to the west of the street, near the present Unitarian (then First Parish) Church. To finance the project the town sold several plots of land. It was several years before the church was completed and even then it was not painted for a few more years. The seating of the church was a task assigned to a committee every few years. Seth Field, Esq., left

a plan of the early committee's seating. When it came to painting the outside, the townsfolk raised extra tax and sent tax seed to Boston to be exchanged for linseed oil and pigment.

The new school house was not as large as the church. Winter term Seth Field kept school when the older boys could be spared from farming and summers his cousin, Phineas Wright taught. Girls did not attend these schools. They were taught what little was considered needed. The selectmen were the school committee, much as they had been responsible in earlier New England to see to it that the young could read the Bible. However, Parson's thought at this later period their duties were mostly paying the teacher. With Seth Field next to the minister probably the best educated man in town, who were the selectmen to direct him?

(To be continued)

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

The latest reports at the last regular meeting of the Northfield Post 3874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars indicate that the concession booth being operated at the Northfield Drive-In Theatre has been consistently successful. The money raised at the concession will be used by the post for construction of a new home in the near future.

Negotiations are still being conducted with the Selectmen for the use of the West Northfield School house as a temporary home during the winter months. No tangible progress has been made as yet, but it is hoped that plans will go through before cold weather sets in.

Harold Briesmaster and George Marshall were obligated at the last regular meeting of the post.

The next regular meeting of the Post will be on Wednesday, September 29, at 8:30 at the Grange Hall.

The Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion will hold its Annual banquet and election of officers at the Chase House, North Barnardston, on Tuesday evening, September 28, at 6:15 p. m. Acting Adjutant Ted Powell has sent cards requesting information concerning the attendance of members.

Casting About

Our dog Algernon Shrubshop caught a cold the other day - from a tree we suppose - not that we ever heard of a tree having a cold - of course we have heard of tree-ways cold tablets - be that as it may - Algie has a cold - we have a cold - our nose is running - so is Algie - mostly up and down stairs - we let him have some Kleenex - he ate the whole box - it seemed to help - he got the hiccoughs from that - and out come spitballs - perhaps we should try eating Kleenex - we have tried everything else - as the song goes - so red the nose - at least we could put it to some use - anybody need a bright red light for their rear fender - or better still does anybody need a good rear fender - that's how we feel - like a rusty fender - we don't recall sitting in any draft - or maybe it was the whiff of political activity last week - that would give anybody a cold - in the nose - one thing you can say about Algie

— he's some use with a cold - he got all the corners that the Electro-Lux didn't get - with his sneezing - we didn't get that low - even though we feel it - but then why worry - there are only 95 days and a 1,000,000 tons of snow until Christmas - I guess we can stick with the cold that long - at least we won't be able to smell the Christmas ties - ad I wad daying Akdie - let us put our heads over the steam Kettle - inhale deeply - tomorrow we may exhale - one thing about our cold though - it is an educated cold - highly educated - we got it from an MIT man - so then - why don't we give a short locomotive for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - three doses of that will cure any cold - well, anyway Algie - take my hand - let us go upstairs - get the hot water bottle - crawl inside - tighten the stopper - that ought to keep us warm - is your code in the node gadding bedder - yat, id idz.

POET'S CORNER

Grandmother's Rocking Chair

Grandmother sits rocking before her fire,
Just before the curfew rings -
With her hands always busy,
Sits knitting while she sings,
Lovely old forgotten melodies
Of her saviour, Christ the King.

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The new Executive Vice-President of the American Youth Hostels, Mr. Ben W. Miller, spent three days at National Headquarters last week, inspecting property, talking with members of the staff, and laying plans for the development of hosteling. Mr. Miller expressed great satisfaction with the fine set up which exists in Northfield, both as to offices and the hostel. He was appointed to this newly created post by the Executive Committee of A. Y. H., and comes from his position of Executive Secretary for the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, a branch of the National Education Association in Washington, D. C. He brings to hosteling a wealth of experience in recreational and educational work, including many years of teaching, coaching, supervision, and administration in the schools and colleges of America; during the war he directed the physical fitness program for civilian students and those in the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Indiana.

Mr. Miller will be the chief executive officer of the American Youth Hostels, responsible to the Board of Directors for every phase of its operation and activity. Monroe Smith, who, with his wife Isabel, founded American Hosteling in 1934, will continue as National Director, devoting increasing attention to the development of the Youth Hostel program, with special emphasis on international hosteling.

Local Boys among 500 Now at Mt. Hermon

Mt. Hermon, Mass., September 18 — Among the 500 students who have enrolled here this week for the opening of Mount Hermon School's 68th year are Ralph E. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Barrows; Roland F. Bentley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giosio G. Bentley; Paul E. Chamberlin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Chamberlin; Sydney G. Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick F. Chapin; Allen P. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Davis; Carl A. Frankenberg, son of Mrs. Virginia R. Frankenberg; Peter R. Haack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold F. Haack; Bruce H. Heald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. McNeil; Clifford P. Holton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Holton; Roger N. Lopez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel F. Lopez; Boris I. Oblesow; Paul E. Rikert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert; S. Neill Sutherland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair M. Sutherland; David B. Wells, son of Mrs. Lillian G. Wells; John D. Bassette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bassette; Richard A. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Erickson; Frank E. Spear, son of Mrs. Ruth E. Spear; Robert F. White and William B. White, sons of Rev. and Mrs. Lester P. White; O. Arthur Stacey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stacey of So. Vernon; Donald Skib and John Skib, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skib of So. Vernon, Vt.

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Obituaries

ROBERT P. BARRY

Robert Peabody Barry, 71, died recently in his home on Main St. Born in Norfolk, Va., in 1877, he spent his early years in Warrenton, Va., and went to New York City where he joined Squadron A and went to Puerto Rico during the Spanish War. He was in the insurance business in Simsbury, Conn., Old Greenwich, Conn., and Milford, N. H., but upon retirement, came here and lived for 2½ years. He was a member of St. Nicholas society of New York.

The deceased was the son of Major Robert Peabody, a civil war major and his mother was Julia Nelson Barry. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Augusta Robbins Barry; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen R. Rintoul of Riverside, Conn., and Albany, N. Y.; a son, Horace W. R. Barry of New Canaan, Conn.; a brother, J. Nelson Barry of Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Julia Keith of Warrenton and Mrs. Leonard S. There will be a private funeral here in the family plot in Simsbury, Conn.

ROBERT HOLMAN WILDER

Robert Holman Wilder, 62, a native of Hinsdale, N.H., and one time resident of Northfield, died in Roosevelt Hospital in New York city recently after a long illness. Burial was held in the Hinsdale cemetery Thursday, Sept. 23. Several generations are buried in the Wilder family plot.

He spent his early life in Montague and attended Harvard college. He was graduated from Pratt Institute in 1910 after taking a course in electrical engineering. He was an engineer with Stone, Webster and Pearson Engineering corporation and at the beginning of World War I went to France as captain of the New York Guard to prepare a report on the anti-aircraft defense of New York city, later used as a text book at Fortress Monroe. He served with the ninth coast defense command and was made a major by brevet for "Distinguished Conduct and Public Service in the Presence of the Enemy."

After the war he founded the firm of Wilder and Buell, publicity, and became the author of the text book on the subject. He moved to western Massachusetts in 1923 and engaged in various engineering enterprises, including the geodetic survey and rural electrification. While living in Northfield he was active in civic and political affairs. Survivors include his widow, the former Katherine Buell; and a daughter, Susanna Wilder, teacher who will join the faculty of Vassar College this month.

Alumnae Association Has Club Conference

A Club Conference sponsored by the Northfield School for Girls Alumnae Association opened Friday evening at Glenover Inn. Greetings to the conference delegates

were extended by Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Northfield School for Girls, and Miss Jessie P. Halbert, president of the Alumnae Association.

Saturday morning Miss Mabel Darrah, executive secretary of the Alumnae Association, will speak on "The Significance of Alumnae

Clubs," after which the delegates will divide into groups to attend workshops of organization and finance. Following luncheon at Glenover Inn workshops will be held on program planning and publicity.

The Club Conference will adjourn Sunday after attending the church services at Russell Sage Chapel and dinner at Glenover Inn.

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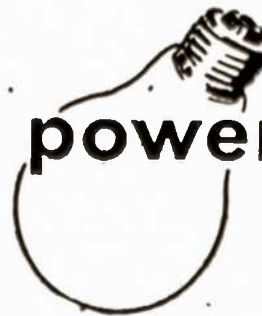


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The marriage of Miss Caroline McMurtie Speer, daughter of Mrs. Elliott Speer of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and a former resident of Northfield to Roger Dummer Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka, Ill., took place last Saturday afternoon, September 18 at the Church of St. Barnabas in Irvington with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving officiating and assisted by the Rev. Dr. Floyd Van Keuren, the rector.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. William Speer. Miss Eleanor Speer was maid of honor for her sister. The other attendants were Miss Margot Speer, sister of the bride and Mrs. James A. E. Wood. The bride's cousin, Beryl Speer, was flower girl. Mr. Francis Fisher was best man for his brother. Ushers were Messrs. Gerard Fisher, Richard Hart, Richard H. Russell and Adam Yarmolinsky.

A reception was given at Esther Wood House of the Masters School, Dobbs Ferry.

The bride, alumna of Baldwin School and Vassar College, studied at Union Theological Seminary and last year was director of religious education at St. James Church. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Robert E. Speer and the late Rev. Dr. Speer.

Mr. Fisher, alumnus of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was a note editor of "The Harvard Law Review," was a first lieutenant in the A. A. F. during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will live in Paris, where Mr. Fisher will be an assistant to the general counsel for the European Headquarters of the E. C. A.

Fish and Game Club To hold outing Sept. 25

The Northfield Fish and Game Association will have an outing at Dick Field's place on Sunday, September 26, from 1 to 5 for members, their families and guests.

There will be trap and target shooting, archery and other sports. Pony rides and games for children. Hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas will be on sale. If rainy the outing will be held the following Sunday. To get to the outing follow the arrows out along Maple street.

Reaches Florida Safely

Mrs. Lucius Mason who has been at her summer cottage in Mountain Park, following her recent illness in Brattleboro hospital, left for her home in St. Petersburg last week and from information received by friends she states that she endured the rail journey traveling in

a stateroom and received the most considerate attention from the railroad employees. She was met at Jacksonville by a friend and motorist to St. Petersburg where in her new home she continues to improve gradually.

Music Hour Enjoyed

The "Hour of Music" given at Sage Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls last Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a capacity audience. The artists were Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Raymond as baritone and contralto soloists and Carleton L'Hommiedieu as organist. Selections were by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn and others.

127 Registrations Selective Service

With the official Selective Service draft registration concluded, town clerk Josephine S. Haskell has stated that all those who failed to register during this period must now report to the Selective Service Board at 155 Main street, in Greenfield.

A total of 127 youths passed through her office in registering for the forthcoming draft. Some of the registrants gave home addresses from California, New York state, Tennessee, Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

Brattleboro Stores

Brattleboro, Vt., merchants are still closing at 12:30 on Wednesday, while staying open until 9 p. m. on Saturdays, although some merchants do close at 5:30.

The establishment of uniform store-closing hours is now in progress by the Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce.

Town Topics

Goddard Winterbottom, having spent the summer here, has returned to Harvard College.

Mr. and Mrs. Alber Goodspeed of Elyria, Ohio have been spending

some time with Mr. and Mrs. E. Percy Goodspeed.

It's been four o'clock in town for quite some time now. The town clock in the Unitarian Church steeple has been stopped while painters have been at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Field with their two daughters have returned to Indiana after spending a month with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field.

Virginia Mildora Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barrett of West Hartford, Conn., was married Sept. 12 to John Woolridge of West Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Woolridge is granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chamberlain.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Boardman of Cannonville, N. Y., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lapelle.

Remember the last day of registration for prospective voters will be Friday, October first from noon to 10 p. m. at the Town Hall. Your name must be on the poll lists if you want to vote in the presidential election in November.

Mrs. Gordon Watts and her family from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., were visitors at the summer cottage here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seyenhaus have returned from their wedding trip spent in Maine and are at their cottage here "Adashi" in Mountain Park.

They will remain for a few days only and then take up their residence in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Watson, Jr., and family of Jamaica, N. Y., were at his father's summer home on Linden avenue over last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McClain, whose summer home is on Linden avenue in Mountain Park left by auto last Monday for Lakeland, Fla. where they will spend the winter.

Miss Dorothy Watson has returned to her school teaching duties at Natick. With her mother, Mrs. Richmond T. Watson, and sister, Miss Elsie Watson, they spent the summer at their cottage on Winchester road. Mrs. Watson is now located at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lapelle on Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. Harry Crawford of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of Mrs. David Tomkins on Winchester road.

Mrs. Charles Wright has closed her summer home in Pine Grove and returned to Maplewood, N. J., where she resides. Her mother and sister accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Maydole who have spent the summer at their cottage in Mountain Park, returned to their home in Red Bank N. J. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schep, who have spent the past month at the

Flower Hill Shop on Shalburne Mountain have returned to their home here on Linden avenue, where they are making several improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan spent their recent vacation period of two weeks down on Cape Cod and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl and family were at his mother's summer home on Lake Champlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Oler D. Doolittle have sold a plot of land on the Millers Falls highway, east side of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Livingston of Highland avenue have returned from a recent trip through New York state, which they spent with friends and relatives and with their daughter at Keuka College.

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